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Jose F. Caragol
Vivian Casáls-Muñoz
Katharine E. Cue-Fuente
Paul B. Hernández
Lourdes Lozano

City Council Budget Meeting Summary Agenda/Minutes September 22, 2014

Call to Order **Council President Garcia-Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.**

Roll Call of Council Members

- **Council Members Present:**
 - Council President Isis Garcia-Martinez
 - Council Vice President Luis Gonzalez
 - Councilman Jose Caragol
 - Councilwoman Vivian Casals-Muñoz
 - Councilwoman Katharine Cue-Fuente
 - Councilman Paul Hernandez
 - Councilwoman Lourdes Lozano
- **Also present were:**
 - Mayor Carlos Hernandez
 - Lorena Bravo, Acting City Attorney
 - Marbelys Fatjo, Acting City Clerk

Invocation given by Marbelys Fatjo, Acting City Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Jose F. Caragol

Meeting Guidelines

The following guidelines have been established by the City Council:

- **ALL LOBBYISTS MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY CLERK**
- As a courtesy to others, please refrain from using cellular telephones or other similar electronic devices in the Council Chamber.
- A maximum of three (3) speakers in favor and three (3) speakers in opposition will be allowed to address the Council on any one item. Each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.
- No signs or placards, in support of or in opposition to an item or speaker, shall be permitted within the Council Chamber.

- Members of the public may address the City Council on any item pertaining to City business during the Comments and Questions portion of the meeting. A member of the public is limited to one appearance before the City Council and the speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

The meeting guidelines were read into the record by the Acting City Clerk in English and by Maricarmen López, Administrative Aide in the Office of the City Clerk, in Spanish.

Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda (if any) - None

1. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance accepting for budget purposes the Miami-Dade County assessment roll; establishing a tax millage rate of 6.3018 mills which is an increase of 9.03% over the roll back rate; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalties for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2014-47.**

Motion to Approve made by Councilman Caragol, and seconded by Councilwoman Cue-Fuentes. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

REPORT: Ines Beecher, Director of Office of Management and Budget, addressed the Council and explained the changes made to the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The documentation reflecting the changes was placed on the dais for the Council's review.

2. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the Operating Budget for the City of Hialeah, Florida, in the amount of \$120,000,000, for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015, for all departments of the City of Hialeah, except the Department of Public Works, Street Transportation Funds, Stormwater Funds, Capital Project Funds, Debt Service Funds and Special Revenue Funds; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2014-48.**

Motion to Approve made by Council Vice President Gonzalez, and seconded by Councilman Caragol. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

3. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Special Revenue Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015, in the total amount of \$18,133,285. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2014-49.**

Motion to Approve made by Councilman Hernandez, and seconded by Councilman Caragol. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

4. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Debt Service Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015, in the total amount of \$7,586,722. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2014-50.**

Motion to Approve made by Councilman Caragol, and seconded by Councilwoman Cue-Fuente. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

5. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Capital Project Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015, in the total amount of \$5,362,187. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2014-51.**

Motion to Approve made by Councilman Caragol, and seconded by Councilwoman Cue-Fuente. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

6. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the Street Transportation Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015, in the total amount of \$6,662,829; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2014-52.**

Motion to Approve made by Councilman Caragol, and seconded by Council Vice President Gonzalez. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

7. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the Stormwater Fund of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015, commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015, in the total amount of \$3,701,000; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2014-53.**

Motion to Approve made by Councilman Caragol, and seconded by Councilwoman Casáls-Muñoz. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

8. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget of the Department of Public Works of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015, in the total amount of \$96,451,881 inclusive of the solid waste budget as provided herein; and approving water and sewer rate increases, as attached hereto, to help offset wholesale water and sewer rate increases imposed by Miami Dade County effective

October 1, 2014, in conjunction with a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment and to maintain proper ratios of operating revenues and operating expenses as required by loan agreements and the solid waste budget of \$16,162,229 which represents no increase in solid waste fees and charges; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (6-1-0) with Council Vice President Gonzalez voting “NO”. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-54.**

Motion to Approve made by Councilman Caragol, and seconded by Councilwoman Cue-Fuente. MOTION PASSED (6-1-0) with Council Vice President Gonzalez voting “NO”.

9. Comments and Questions

- **Mayor Hernandez thanked the Council Members, the City’s Budget Committee Members, department heads, and employees.**
- **Council President Garcia-Martinez commended the department heads and Budget Committee members.**

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:18 p.m.

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